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Newsletter 25.09.25– Term 1 -Week 3

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy in our school, with focused learning taking place across all classes. We began last week with a wonderful sense of unity, with every pupil wearing their new school jumpers – we are so proud we were able to provide every child with one. There was such evident pride in our appearance and a commitment to dressing smartly.

This term, our core focus has been community. We've been exploring how our individual actions can contribute to building a stronger, more connected school environment. Across all classes, we've been engaging with the Catholic Social Teaching theme of recognising God's creation in everyone around us.

We were delighted to welcome our school improvement partner this week, who spent a morning observing our classes. The visit was incredibly positive, with our partner recognising the significant developments we have made and expressing genuine pleasure at the learning she witnessed. As always, our pupils were absolutely incredible, showcasing their enthusiasm and dedication.

An exciting highlight this week was our staff meeting with Pie Corbett, which is part of our writing project for the year. We're exploring innovative strategies to engage all learners and support them in becoming successful writers. I've been thrilled to see many pupils eagerly showing me their writing work, demonstrating their growing confidence and skills.

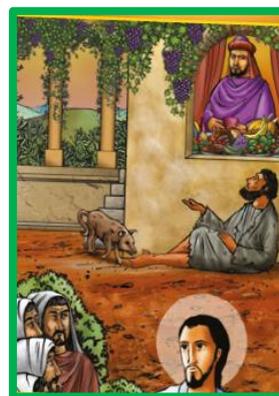
Luke 16:19-31 The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who always wore the most expensive clothes and always ate the best food every day. There was also a very poor man, named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to sit outside the rich man's house. He was so hungry that he wanted to eat the scraps of left-over food that the rich man didn't want. When Lazarus died, he was carried away by the angels to heaven. But the rich man, who had ignored poor Lazarus and did not help him, was not taken to heaven."

God wants each one of us to share with people who are in need people around us and people all over the world and, just like Lazarus, to share in God's everlasting happiness now and forever.

***"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community."
Saint Baldwin of Canterbury***

Our Mission this week: What difference would it make to our school and to the world if we shared more?



**Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for blessing us with many good things.
Please help us to see the needs of others and to share with anyone in need. Amen.**

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Diamond class visit Forest School

Diamond class embarked on their first forest school session with Miss Logan. It was truly inspiring to witness our pupils exploring and engaging with God's Creation. They demonstrated remarkable creativity, crafting nature bracelets which they enthusiastically showed me. These outdoor learning experiences provide our pupils with unique opportunities to connect with the natural world and develop their skills in imaginative ways.



International Day of Peace

This week, we marked the International Day of Peace through a meaningful assembly led by our dedicated Chaplains. Drawing inspiration from St Teresa of Avila's prayer, we reflected on how we can be God's hands, feet, and eyes on earth. Our pupils thoughtfully explored the significance of peace, listening intently as our Chaplains confidently guided the assembly. Their presentation encouraged us all to consider our role in creating harmony and understanding within our school and beyond. The assembly was a powerful reminder of our shared commitment to compassion and unity.



Breakfast Club

We are really fortunate at St Nicholas that we can provide a free breakfast club for every child.

We are noticing children arriving late needing breakfast, we will also provide this, however I would like to remind everyone that breakfast club runs from 8am – 8.30am (breakfast is kept for walking bus children). After 8.30am food is not served. If your child would like breakfast in school, please ensure they arrive during breakfast club hours.



Attendance

We are half way through term 1, attendance update letters have gone home to children currently below 90%. School starts at 8.40am – if your child arrives after 9.30am this is unauthorised – if 10 of these are received a penalty notice may be issued. Lessons begin straight away and we are noticing children missing the start of each day. If attendance is below 90% by the end of the term, I will arrange a meeting to see how we can support.

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Uniform

We are all so proud to be a part of St Nicholas school, and we have all seen first-hand the improvements made within the school. This year we are focusing on uniform, all children **MUST** wear correct uniform each day.

- Grey/black trousers, tailored shorts or skirt
- Pale blue polo shirt or shirt (ties to be worn with shirts)
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan
- Plain black shoes

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- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black/grey jogging bottoms or shorts
- Navy Jumper
- No Sports Sets
- Trainers or daps

All children have been provided with 1 free school jumper to support us in maintaining high standards of uniform.



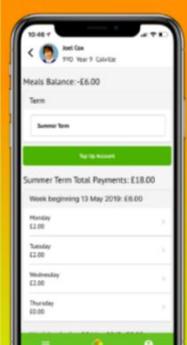
We are now using Arbor as the main source of communication for parents, at the moment we only have 49% of parents signed up. Please ensure you have signed up to be able to access all communication.



Check on your child from anywhere



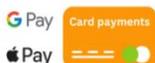
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 **Arbor** App & Portal

- View your child's Timetable, Clubs and Attendance
- Pay for School Meals
- View your child's Guilford Golds!
- Update your details
- Receive instant messages
- Sign up to trips and after-school clubs

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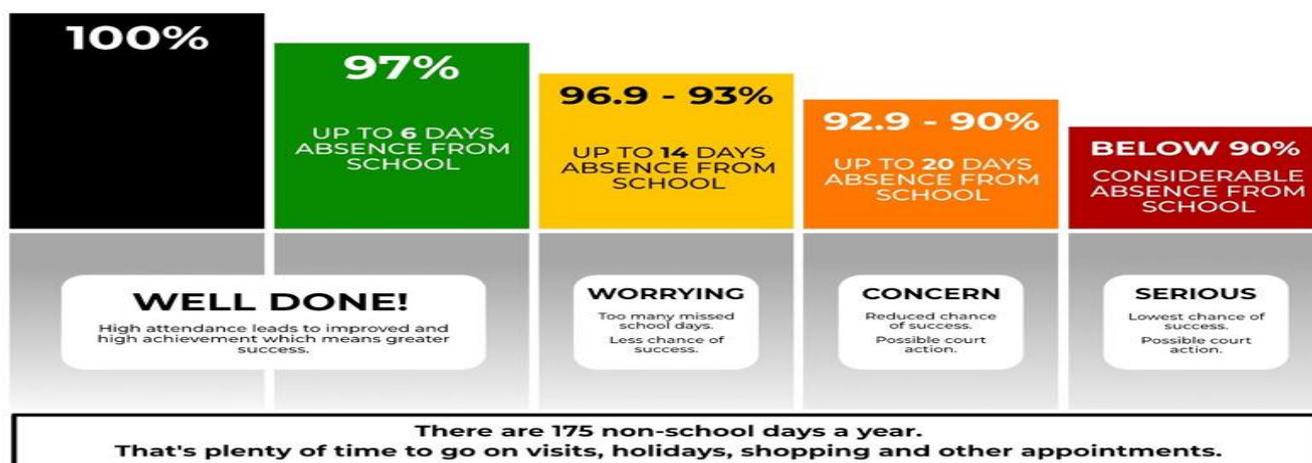
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Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	97.73%	98.15%	0
Emerald Class	84.85%	78.43%	5
Ruby Class	94.77%	94.44%	8
Amethyst Class	94.92%	93.06%	10
Sapphire Class	97.88%	100%	4
Topaz Class	96.14%	92.74%	17
Total	93.96%	92.86%	44

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Term 6 Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 30 th September	Y5 To Science Creates
Wednesday 1 st October	Black History Month Starts
Thursday 2 nd October	Rags to Riches Collection
Wednesday 8 th October	Amethyst Trip to Muller Museum
Friday 17 th October	2.30pm – Diamond Class Stay and Play 2.30pm Parent, Sharing Learning – come and see your children's books
Monday 20 th October	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Friday 24 th October	2pm – Black History Month Assembly Term 1 Finishes
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day – School closed to children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James